

CITY OF ANGELS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Tuesday January 18, 2011  
City Fire House 1404 Vallecito Road  
Angels Camp, California**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Croletto at 8:05 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Croletto, Vice-Chair Griffin, Commissioner Rowe,  
Commissioner Cullick, and Commissioner Reesman

Commissioner Absent:

Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Preston, City Administrator Dave  
Richards, and Director of Planning & Building David Hanham  
arrived at 8:30 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**OPENED 8:06 A.M.**

**CLOSED 8:07 A.M.**

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS

**1. Resolution of Intent – Resolution 2011-01 a Resolution of Intent to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Title 17.63 Landscaping and to add Title 17.64 Oak Tree & Heritage Trees Preservation.**

Chair Croletto presented the Resolution of Intent, Resolution 2011-01 a Resolution of Intent to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Title 17.63 Landscaping and to add Title 17.64 Oak Tree & Heritage Trees Preservation.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROWE AND DULY SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER CULLICK AND CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-  
01 A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TITLE  
17.63 LANDSCAPING AND TO ADD TITLE 17.64 OAK TREE AND HERITAGE  
TREES PRESERVATION.**

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **2. Continued from Planning Commission Meeting on January 13, 2011. Resolution 2011-02 Landscaping Title 17.63 and Oak Tree & Heritage Trees Preservation Title 17.64.**

Deputy City Clerk, Jennifer Preston stated that this item is a continuance from the January 13, 2011 public hearing meeting, because staff needed to bring forward the resolution of intent before we could adopt the new resolution for the oak trees.

Commissioner Cullick no comment.

Commissioner Griffin no comment.

Commissioner Rowe stated that there are another 30 definitions that need to be added from the original Auburn City Ordinance.

Page 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line down, after “determined” add in “by the Planning Department staff. The Planning Commission or City Council may determine,”.

Page 13, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph down, 3<sup>rd</sup> line down, after “trees off-site” add in “, the number and locations must be approved through the planning process. The approved off-site”.

Page 16, last paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line down, “construction protection of the” should be “construction protection provisions of the”.

Commissioner Reesman no comment.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CULLICK AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROWE AND CARRIED 3-2 WITH COMMISSIONER REESMAN & GRIFFIN VOTING NO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-02 A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 17.63 LANDSCAPING AND THE ADDITION OF TITLE 17.64 OAK TREE & HERITAGE TREES PRESERVATION.**

Commissioner Griffin stated that she would like to see the definitions before it goes to City Council.

Planning Director Hanham stated that we could bring this back as a verification of resolution for everyone to see before it goes to the next City Council Meeting.

Chair Croletto asked if there is a motion to reconsider.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROWE AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CULLICK AND CARRIED 4-1 WITH COMMISSIONER REESMAN VOTING NO TO RECONSIDER RESOLUTION 2011-02 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE 17.63 LANDSCAPING AND TO ADD TITLE 17.64 OAK TREE & HERITAGE TREES PRESERVATION.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROWE AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CULLICK AND CARRIED 4-1 WITH COMMISSIONER REESMAN VOTING NO TO APPROVE AS AMENDED RESOLUTION 2011-02 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE 17.63 LANDSCAPING AND TO ADD TITLE 17.64 OAK TREE & HERITAGE TREES PRESERVATION.**

Commissioner Reesman stated that she voted no because she believes that it is a bad idea for the City. Commissioner Reesman stated she has talked with many residents of the City and this is not

something that they want. She knows that the commission has spent a lot of time on this and she thinks that the Ordinance is very cumbersome. The Planning Commission has gone through this ordinance many times and the fact that we are still finding errors shows how cumbersome it really is. This is a law that is difficult to follow, it will leave loop holes and the City probably doesn't have enough man power to enforce this law. She believes that there will be many problems as the ordinance goes forward with enforcement being selective which opens the City to law suits.

Commissioner Rowe stated that she feels bad that it has taken so long to go through, it is long and cumbersome. She is still trying to do some research on some of it because she has listened to what Commissioner Reesman has said.

Commissioner Griffin stated that in the beginning she was concerned about having an ordinance like this, but we do need something for preservation.

Commissioner Cullick stated he thinks that this is something that the City needs or we will end up with more property like the one at Stockton Road and Angels Oaks Drive where every tree was cut down.

Commissioner Griffin stated that she was on the Planning Commissioner when Stelte Park came through and the commission made them keep the trees at the time including one that is right in the middle of a street. Commissioner Griffin stated that she lives in Stelte Park and has to drive around the tree every day and she is still glad that they made them keep the tree.

Commissioner Reesman stated that Stelte Park was developed before the tree ordinance and we could still do that today if and when a planned development comes to the commission.

Commissioner Reesman stated she has about 8 heritage trees in her yard according to this ordinance and the fact that she couldn't cut one of those trees down to change her landscaping without going through and paying \$400 to \$600 is not acceptable to her.

Chair Croletto stated that in a single family resident you could cut down two trees with the approval of the planning department. The Planning Commission can approve conditions of approval but the City hasn't enforced conditions of approval in the past. The City's biggest problem is when a developer comes in and wants to clear cut.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:45 A.M.

  
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Gary Croletto, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Preston, Deputy City Clerk